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AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly amend paragraph [0022] on page 4 as follows:

--[0022] In one aspect of the invention, in the case that the received data is ascertained to include a request management message, the station responds to the request management message with a response management message that ~~include~~ includes a measure of the EVM of received data corresponding to request management message. Thus, the remote station receiving the response management message receives an indication of the quality of the link between the station and the remote station without said receiving remote station necessarily being EVM-capable.--

Kindly amend paragraph [0054] on page 9 as follows:

--[0054] The invention is applicable to ad-hoc network configuration in which any station can communicate directly with another station, ~~an~~ and to an infrastructure network configuration in which client stations communicate via an access point with which they are associated.--

Kindly amend paragraph [00113] on page 24 as follows:

--[00113] Again, while the above shows the case of a station selects whether or not to associate with an AP, the invention is also applicable to the case of a station deciding whether ~~et~~ or not to communicate on an ad-hoc bases with another station.--

Kindly amend paragraph [00125] on pages 26 and 27 as follows:

--[00125] In another embodiment, one of the other metrics used is the carrier-to-noise ratio (CNR) at the PHY. U.S. Patent Application ~~10/xxx,xxx~~ 10/698,703 titled "INITIAL TIMING ESTIMATION IN AN WIRLESS NETWORK RECEIVER to inventors Hart et al., filed October 31, 2003, Attorney/Agent Docket No. CISCO-7702, and assigned to the assignee of the present invention, describes how the CNR of a packet may be estimated from an average power measure determine from samples of the received data after a start-of-packet indication and from an average power measure determine from samples of the received data before such a start-of-packet indication. Such U.S. Patent Application ~~10/xxx,xxx~~ 10/698,703 is incorporated herein by reference.--